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Rompimanto de re ações diplomentoses. Estados Unidos Amenica - Coba.

21-SMATA-FERRA-19EsCC-Adiam same so men bel graces nº 18. Em companhia do Embaixador Fernasio i do mantive, lete . longs conversa com Philip Bonsel, último debelwedos dos Estados Unidon da America em Cuba e abual respresentante na ORA. Como lha tivesos dito que as informações transmitilas selo Departamento de Estado store , rompimento das rolações é octros espectos da po lític, norte-ime cara em Cuba ma parecias imadicientes e diffcults, am ao Gové no mas eventual tomada de pomição, declaron-nos que faria una el osiceo minuciosa de materi... Falou longemen te sen contudo noroscentar codas alguas so que ja vinta sodo di to ou publicado na imprensa. Sobre o futuro, dium não ter a me nor idéia do que fará a próxima administração. No momento nao há planos para qualquer ação junto a outros Governos no semido de provecar uma demonstrução de solidariedade. A minha impressão é de que o Govêr o americano foi colhido le suppresa pels atique de cubana e, on tmento de irritação e en vista de inutilidade de men ser a rep centação diplomática con ons. funcionários inclu indo cervicias a subsidernos, resolveu reaper reluções. Não se trata, portanto, a men ver de un ato premeditado de ante; ele a outros igualmente planejados. Antes, creio en un impula: de mo mento em revide à force provocação.

TRANSLATION FOLLOWS

Telegram from Brazilian Embassy in Washington (Bernardes), January 6, 1961

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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Break in United States of America-Cuba diplomatic relations.

24 — FRIDAY — 19hrs00 — Further to my telegram No. 18. In the company of Ambassador Fernando Lobo I held, today, a long conversation with Philip Bonsal, the last Ambassador of the United States of America in Cuba and the current representative to the OAS. As I have been given the information transmitted by the Department of State about the break in relations and other aspects of the North American policy, it seems to me insufficient and difficult for the Government in eventually taking the position, declared to us, that it will make a thorough exposition of material. He spoke at length without nevertheless adding anything to what I have already had directly or published in the press. About the future, he did not have the slightest idea of what the next administration will do. At the moment there is no plan for any action together with other Governments in the sense of provoking a demonstration of solidarity. My impression is that the American Government was taken by surprise by the Cuban attitude and, in a moment of irritation and in view of the futility of maintaining diplomatic representation with 11 functionaries including servants and subordinates, resolved to break relations. He did not treat, however, the [men] view to see a premeditated act prior to other, equal plans. Before, I believe [it was] an impulse of the moment in response to a strong provocation.

CARLOS ALFREDO BERNARDES

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